

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, if Senator Ashford would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Ashford, I'm trying to think, as I look at this bill, from a senator from York and Seward County. I'm looking at it and trying to see what would be the criteria that I would support a bill appropriating money to Joslyn Castle. I'm just trying to think that one out. I've defended on the manner that, you know, it's one of those things that serves a good state purpose. Joslyn Castle is a unique building and should be saved. Is that...can you give me any further ammunition to go to my district and sell this appropriation?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, I think generally the state already...the state has two other houses that are administered the way that Joslyn Castle will be administered, the Willa Cather Center and the Ferguson House. And, in both cases, the state has title to the house and the State Historical Society manages it. Omaha, the largest metropolitan area of the state, does not have such a facility in it. That doesn't help you in York, I guess, except that it does...I think you could argue in York and anywhere else in the state that we do have a pretty good policy statewide to preserve buildings of historical significance. Joslyn Castle, I think, clearly is one of those buildings as are others across the state. We need to have a statewide preservation policy that is consistent and preserving Joslyn Castle is consistent with policies we've adopted in the past with other houses across the state, so I would...

SENATOR MOORE: So you're saying that, looking beyond the scope of parochial, my district is one of those things that, no, there is no direct benefit in my district, but it's of state benefit, therefore, state senators should support it. Correct?

SENATOR ASHFORD: That's correct, Senator.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, would Senator Ashford yield to a question?